

#Goldilocks: A Modern Cautionary Tale

Lesson Plan

Focus: Understanding cautionary tales, character analysis, consequences, creative retelling

Lesson Activities:

1. Introduction: What's a Cautionary Tale? (10 minutes)

- Start with a fun discussion: "Have you ever been told 'Don't do that, or else...'? What happens if we don't listen to warnings or rules sometimes?"
- Introduce the idea of a "cautionary tale": a story meant to warn people about danger or bad behavior.
- Say: "Today, we're looking at a very famous story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, but with a twist! We'll think of it as #Goldilocks: A Cautionary Tale. What might a hashtag mean here?" (Discuss hashtags briefly - short message, often used online).

2. Reading & Discussing Goldilocks (15-20 minutes)

- Read the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" together.
- Pause at key moments to ask engaging questions:
 - "Was it okay for Goldilocks to just walk into the Bears' house? Why or why not? What could happen?"
 - "How do you think the Bears felt when they saw the messy porridge/broken chair/Goldilocks in bed?"
 - "What were the consequences of Goldilocks' actions?" (She got scared, had to run away, the Bears were upset).
 - "What's the big message or warning this story gives us?" (Respect others' homes and belongings, think before you act).
- Discuss: Why is this a good example of a *cautionary tale*?

3. Activity: #ModernGoldilocks Retelling (20-25 minutes)

- Brainstorm: "If Goldilocks lived today, what might she do instead? Maybe peek at someone's phone? Use their computer without asking? Post silly pictures online that weren't hers?"
- Challenge Daniella and Alisia: "Your turn to create a *modern* version of the Goldilocks cautionary tale!"
- Offer options for their retelling:
 - Write a short story (1-2 paragraphs).
 - Draw a comic strip (3-4 panels).
 - Create a few mock social media posts from Goldilocks or the Bears (#Oops #BearHouse #CautionaryTale).
- Encourage them to show: What modern 'boundary' did Goldilocks cross? What were the modern consequences? What's the warning?
- Provide paper, pencils, and colors. Offer support and ideas as they work.

4. Sharing & Wrap-up (5-10 minutes)

- Have Daniella and Alisia share their modern retelling creations with each other.
- Praise their creativity and understanding of the theme.

- Recap: "So, what makes Goldilocks a cautionary tale? What warning should we remember from her story, whether it happened long ago or today?" (Respect boundaries, property, and privacy).
- Connect briefly: "This applies online too - respecting people's accounts and information."